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Guarding the gates



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Contracted forces take on guard duties for 49th SFS

by Senior Airman
Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Thirty-three civilians joined the ranks of the 49th Security Forces Squadron after they graduated Contract Civilian Guard course Jan. 24.

The new blue-uniformed contract security officers, the majority with military and law enforcement backgrounds, are now on duty performing gate duties, visitor control duties as well as search duties.

"The civilian gate guards will be invaluable in assisting the 49th SFS mission," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Luberto, 49th SFS Training Section. "The use of civilian guards will help with easing the home base strain of

"They will enhance the quality of force protection here at Holloman."

Staff Sgt. Matthew Luberto
49th SFS Training Section

deployments on our unit."

These contractors were trained for 11 days on a number of different duties and procedures including, searching and handcuffing, military law and authority and jurisdiction.

"We wanted to make sure the training they received was the best possible to prepare them for working at Holloman," Sergeant Luberto said.

To ensure the efficiency of Holloman's gate security, the civilian

gate guards training exceeded the hours required by New Mexico state law.

"I found the education provided by the Air Force and civilian instructors on Air Force regulations and civil law was quite intensive," said Mr. Michael Orr, gate guard. "The training was very effective in creating a better understanding of the added alertness that is needed and the responsibilities I have assumed in accepting the position."

"It has been an absolute pleasure to work with and train the civilian guards," said Sergeant Luberto. "They are eager to start work and have demonstrated to us through their positive attitudes that they will enhance the quality of force protection here at Holloman."

Briefly

"Excellent"



See page 2 for story and list of superior performers.

MMG chief retires



Chief Master Sgt. Dann Barnes' retirement ceremony is 10:30 a.m. today at the Oasis Enlisted Club. See page 10 for story.

Prayer Breakfast



The National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m., Thursday at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

12 AF/OV rates 49th OG "excellent"

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

The 49th Fighter Wing was awarded a rating of "excellent" during a recent inspection of the 49th Operations Group, 7th Combat Training Squadron and 8th and 9th Fighter Squadrons.

The inspection, conducted by the 12th Air Force Standardization and Evaluation team, examined the way the group conducts their flying program, gives evaluations and standardizes the operation, said Maj. Joel Rush, 49th Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation chief.

"During this inspection, Holloman got to show off its standardization and evaluation programs, of which we are very proud," Major Rush said. "We received one of the highest overall grades that this team of inspectors has ever given out."

The OG's standardization and evaluation programs include things such as procedures for evaluations, records-keeping and evaluation management.

The pilots were also tested during this inspection. According to the report, pilots reflected "a high level of unit pilot discipline, professionalism and combat readiness to execute the wing's unique precision employment mission."

The last inspection of this kind was in January 2001. Though the wing did well during that inspection, there have been many improvements since then.

According to the 12th AF Standardization/Evaluation visit report, "a previously less than optimal T-38 flying operation has been reinforced by the operations group commander with rigorous measures to ensure... operational performance goals are achieved."



Making the grade; 12th AF/OV results

Overall - excellent
49th OG/OGV - Excellent
Stan/Eval Program Excellent

7th CTS - Excellent

Aircrew Performance - Excellent
Stan/Eval Programs - Excellent

8th FS - Excellent

Aircrew Performance - Excellent
Stan/Eval Programs - Outstanding

9th FS - Excellent

Aircrew Performance - Excellent
Stan/Eval Programs - Excellent

The following 49th Operations Group Airmen were 12th Air Force Standardization and Evaluation superior performers:

49th Operations Group

- Maj. Joel C. Rush
- Maj. Mitch D. Migliori
- Maj. Matt K. Moeller

7th CTS

- Capt. Alex E. Jernigan

8th FS

- Maj. Ronald J. Keller
- Capt. Karamo D. Hayward
- Staff Sgt. Cynthia A. Zaner

9th FS

- Capt Ines N. Agosto

High: 58
Low: 34
TODAY

High: 57
Low: 30
SATURDAY

High: 50
Low: 30
SUNDAY

High: 53
Low: 28
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

Holloman Hotline 572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able

to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **7**
DUIs this year **6**
This week last year **9**

Last six DUIs

- 49 AMXS Aug. 25
- 49 CES Oct. 1
- 49 MMS Oct. 18
- 49 CES Nov. 10
- 49 MMS Jan. 9
- 49 MXS Jan. 21

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

259 Saves this year
13 Saves this week



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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Jan. 18 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 18 tickets: one for failure to stop, three for no insurance, one for an expired driver’s license, one for leaving the

scene of an accident, one for careless driving, one for double parking, one for battery against a household member, one for failure to show proof of insurance, two for failing to obey traffic lights, one for an accident resulting in property damage, three for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit, one for speed-

ing 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit and one for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit in a school zone.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Jan. 18: A civilian reported his privately owned vehicle was damaged in the building 309 parking lot.
- Jan. 18: An NCO reported a wall in the dayroom of dorm 342 was damaged.
- Jan. 18: An Airman reported a door at building 1241 was damaged when someone operating a bomb lift hit it.
- Jan. 20: A civilian reported her son’s bicycle and helmet were stolen from Boeing Avenue.
- Jan. 21: There was a minor accident between two POVs on

Delaware Avenue. One vehicle rear-ended the other.

- Jan. 21: An Airman reported damage to the rear window in a government-owned vehicle. The window was broken when a group of Airmen were loading equipment onto the vehicle.
- Jan. 22: There was a minor accident at the main gate when a POV hit a do not enter sign while backing up.
- Jan. 23: An Airman reported the washroom door in dorm 335 was damaged.
- Jan. 24: An NCO reported a wall in the first floor dayroom of dorm 342 was damaged and \$13.05 worth of candy was stolen from a vending machine.

Patrol response

- Jan. 19: There was a provoked dog bite on Hidalgo

Loop. A child was bitten after she ran into a neighbor’s yard to hug a chained up dog.

- Jan. 19: A family member reported assault on Boeing Avenue.
- Jan. 21: An Airman reported an assault in dorm 341.
- Jan. 22: An Airman reported a verbal altercation on Griffis Court.
- Jan. 24: A civilian reported someone was trying to get on base with false identification.

Civil arrest

- Jan. 20: An Airman was arrested in El Paso, Texas for two counts of assault against unknown El Paso civilians.



Photo by Master Sgt. Russell Garthwaite

Protecting the President

Senior Airman Matthew Coltier, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal team, searches a vehicle for explosives in support of the President's Inauguration in Washington D.C., Jan. 20. Master Sgt. Russell Garthwaite and Airman Coltier were hand picked to work directly for the U.S. Secret Service, technical services division.

POP QUIZ

Prepare for the ORI

- 1. How many uniforms sets are required in your packed mobility bag?
a. 2 b.3
c. 4 d.5
- 2. In peacetime, how often are you required to complete an inspection of your gas mask?

- 3. Where is you Personnel Readiness File located?

- 4. What are the four standard alarm conditions?

- 5. Do you have a current will or Power of Attorney?
a. yes b. no

- Answers:
- 1. You should have three uniforms in the bag and one on your person four total. Twenty percent answered in-correctly.
 - 2. Every 6 months or as often as directed.
 - 3. Your PRF is located with your UDM rep or your flight chief.
 - 4. The four standard alarm conditions are green, yellow, red and black. Thirty-eight percent of quiz takers answered this question incorrectly.
 - 5. If you do not have a current will or Power of Attorney contact the Wing Legal Office to make an appointment. Twenty percent of quiz takers do not have theirs updated.

(Editors note: Questions compiled by 49th Fighter Wing Plans and Inspections office. Percentages were calculated from 21 Team Holloman members who took the quiz.)

Celebrate Black History Month

February, dedicated as National African American History Month, celebrates the sacrifices, achievements and legacy of African Americans.

Team Holloman and the Alamogordo community are gathering together this month to sponsor several events to commemorate the contributions made by these men and women.

The African American Heritage Association encourages all members to attend and help remember the men and women of the past and to continue to shape and build present and future leaders of tomorrow.

The following events are scheduled to take place at the dates and times as noted:

- Opening Ceremony, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday in the Community Activities Center
- Food Tasting Festival, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 16 in the Base Chapel Annex
- Saturday Afternoon Movie Marathon featuring "Black Classics", 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Commu-

nity Activities Center

- Black History program luncheon, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Feb. 25 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. The guest speaker will be Dr. Paulette Hilton Robinson, Grants, Contracts and Development director at NMSU-A.

- Frederick Douglass Neighborhood Cultural Center Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 26 at 6th and Delaware streets in Alamogordo.

- AAHA Closing Ceremony/Career Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 28 at the Oasis Enlisted Club

- Old School Dance 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., March 4 at the Community Activities Center. The dance is open to all ranks and will feature soul, rhythm and blues, Latin, rock and country music and more from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Team Holloman are encouraged to attend and wear clothing styles from one of these eras.

For more information or to volunteer, contact 2nd Lt. Charnelle Joiner at 572-3371 or Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Massey at 572-0057.

MEO takes top ACC award

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Holloman's Military Equal Opportunity Office is on a winning streak after being awarded the ACC Small Base 2004 Outstanding MEO Office Award for the third consecutive year.

"It's a pretty unheard of accomplishment," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Knudson, MEO chief. "I've never heard of an office winning this award for three consecutive years."

The MEO team included Master Sgt. Terese Smith, Master Sgt. Alvin Earp and Tech. Sgt. Alicia Lewis who worked hard to continue the tradition as an award winning office that sets the standard command wide.

"They did most of the work in winning this award. I arrived at Holloman in July 2004, near the end of the award period," Sergeant Knudson said. "I tweaked some of the programs a little bit, and made some improvements, but they already had a great MEO program."

Sergeant Knudson said the reason the MEO office won for the third year is because they continue to go above the requirements on all the programs they worked on.

"Their continuity books were outstanding; they were involved in wing ethnic observance program, and developed an MEO

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MEO chief

Newsletter," he said. "Even though they had won awards in the past, they kept raising the bar and excelled. They implemented programs that weren't mandated like diversity training, team building and working with the schools. Several commanders commented on how invaluable their climate assessments were."

The MEO office offers a wealth of human resource services including third party conflict resolution, equal opportunity assistance information, mediation and helping agency referrals. They also provide formal and informal complaint assistance and processing to all military members, their family members and retirees who be-

lieve they have experienced unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or sex or have been sexually harassed.

Another service the MEO staff provides as subject matter experts is technical guidance for higher-level complaint processing. They conduct Unit Climate Assessments for commanders at all levels to assess their organization's equal opportunity and treatment climate.

Along with these services, the MEO office also offers various human relations classes to all military and civilian personnel.

Sergeant Knudson said he'd like the MEO office to be as visible as possible in the squadrons and they would be proactive in their approach.

"We can't do any better than maintain this level of support to the folks on the base," he said. "We'll continue to enlist the help of supervisors to head off equal opportunity concerns before they fester into complaints, and we're providing information and briefings to remind the folks that these first line supervisors are the ones who have the biggest impact on the equal opportunity environment in the units, they are the people who set the tone for what is allowed."



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

Left to right: 49th CPTS members, Master Sgt. Karen Gandy, Maj. Regina Goff and Mrs. Karen Cody-Van Brunt all took top honors in three different categories at the ACC level.

Triple threat

Comptrollers dominate ACC

by 2nd Lt. Melissa Stevens
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

The 49th Comptroller Squadron tripled its success by winning in three different categories at the Air Combat Command level for financial management.

Maj. Regina Goff, 49th CPTS commander, was awarded the ACC Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year; Master Sgt. Karen Gandy, 49 CPTS customer support chief, was awarded the ACC Financial Management senior NCO of the Year; and Mrs. Karen Cody-Van Brunt, 49 CPTS military pay technician, was awarded the ACC Financial Services Civilian of the Year (GS-10 and below).

“When several people win at this level, it’s a reflection of the office and their outstanding contributions,” Major Goff said. “Everyone is always exceeding ACC standards. If it wasn’t for them, we wouldn’t have won.”

Sergeant Gandy said she never would have won without the level of commitment her office contributes every day.

“My section helped me tremendously,” she said.

Both Major Goff and Sergeant Gandy said they believe their deployments made a significant difference for them in winning the awards.

Sergeant Gandy deployed to Kuwait where she directed a \$24 million budget. Major Goff was deployed to Afghanistan where she directed a \$755 million budget operation to deliver to the Afghan national army and provide a secure environment for the first democratic elections.

Major Goff said there were many things she felt were factors in their success. She said the office was involved with financial management transformation initiatives and the implementation of two different travel systems: the defense travel system and the reserve travel system.

“The office was consistently

in the number one or number two spot as the leading command each quarter,” she said. “Our folks also started pushing the new automated and self-service systems and continued with their ongoing training.”

Sergeant Gandy said one thing that always fires her up to continue at an award-winning level is taking pride in her work.

Major Goff echoed the sentiment.

“I always tell my people that, ‘You should bloom where you’re planted,’” she said. “Always give 110 percent in everything you do. We all strive to make the squadron a success.”

Major Goff said their future goals were to continue at their current level and to ensure everyone in the office is ready for future deployments. She also said there are a lot more transformation initiatives in the near future that they’ll have to tackle, but she knows the office will continue to succeed.



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

Above and beyond

Ms. Donna Cyr, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron funds management specialist, was awarded Resource Advisor of the Year for 2004. She will go on to compete for an Air Combat Command-level award.

Discovery Resource Center opens

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

A new service at the Family Support Center gives Team Holloman members immediate access to a variety of programs to assist them find jobs, do research, improve skills, or just check their e-mail.

The Discovery Resource Center opened at the FSC Jan. 20 when 49th Mission Support Group Commander Colonel Gail Colvin symbolically cut through red tape and removed a barrier at the entrances to the center. The DRC is designed to allow military personnel, retirees, family members and civilian employees immediate access to a wide variety of resources, said Master Sgt. Karen Ansell, FSC superintendent.

"Normally when you walk into an office, you have to go through a receptionist to get information or to see anyone else," she said. "With the Discovery Resource Center, you can get the help right there, and that's a stair step for you to get with a consultant for additional

information."

The resources available to Team Holloman include eight new computers equipped with programs such as Microsoft Office, Encarta and internet capabilities.

"It offers people an opportunity to improve their skills for their next job," Sgt. Ansell said. "If that job requires that they know Microsoft PowerPoint, they can come in and refresh on that program."

Also available in the Discovery Resource Center is a flat-screen television for viewing their numerous instructional videos on subjects like interviewing skills, marriage counseling and managing finances. Books on these topics are available to read or to check out.

The Discovery Resource Center coordinator, Mr. John Bailey, helps visitors with anything from how to search for federal jobs to who in the FSC to contact for help.

One of the advantages of the Discovery Resource Center is that parents who wish to use the services can bring their children with them, Mr. Bailey said. Toys are available to entertain young chil-

dren, Jumpstart Preschool and Kindergarten are loaded into the computers, and older children can check e-mail, search the internet or do research on the computers.

"We're trying to look at the whole picture," Sgt. Ansell said. "Mom or dad comes in looking for a job, and they've got the kids. We don't want anyone to think 'I've got my kids with me, I can't come.'"

To further assist Team Holloman members, the FSC has volunteer, financial, relationship, family, relocation, transition, and employment resource people.

"Military readiness is important, but that's only achieved through family readiness," Colonel Colvin said. "That's where the FSC and Community Action Information Board and Integrated Delivery System Teams are extremely important. Seeing us get more resources is so encouraging. It means more opportunity for spouses and dependents."

The Discovery Resource Center is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Larry E. Reid Jr.

49th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Dale Barton (left) swears in the newest Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force, Senior Master Sgts. Richard Knudson, Henry Gillen and Richard Bunce during the Chief Induction Ceremony at the Oasis Enlisted Club, Jan. 21.

Hail to the chiefs



Airman Basic Abigail Szymanski, 49th Security Forces Squadron, begins to light the first candle representing the rank of Airman basic during the Chief Induction Ceremony at the Oasis Enlisted Club Jan. 21.



Senior Master Sergeant (Chief Select) Richard C. Knudson (middle left) prepares to walk through the Cordon accompanied by his wife Mrs. Nona Knudson during the Chief Induction Ceremony at the Oasis Enlisted Club Jan. 21.

AFSOC in depth

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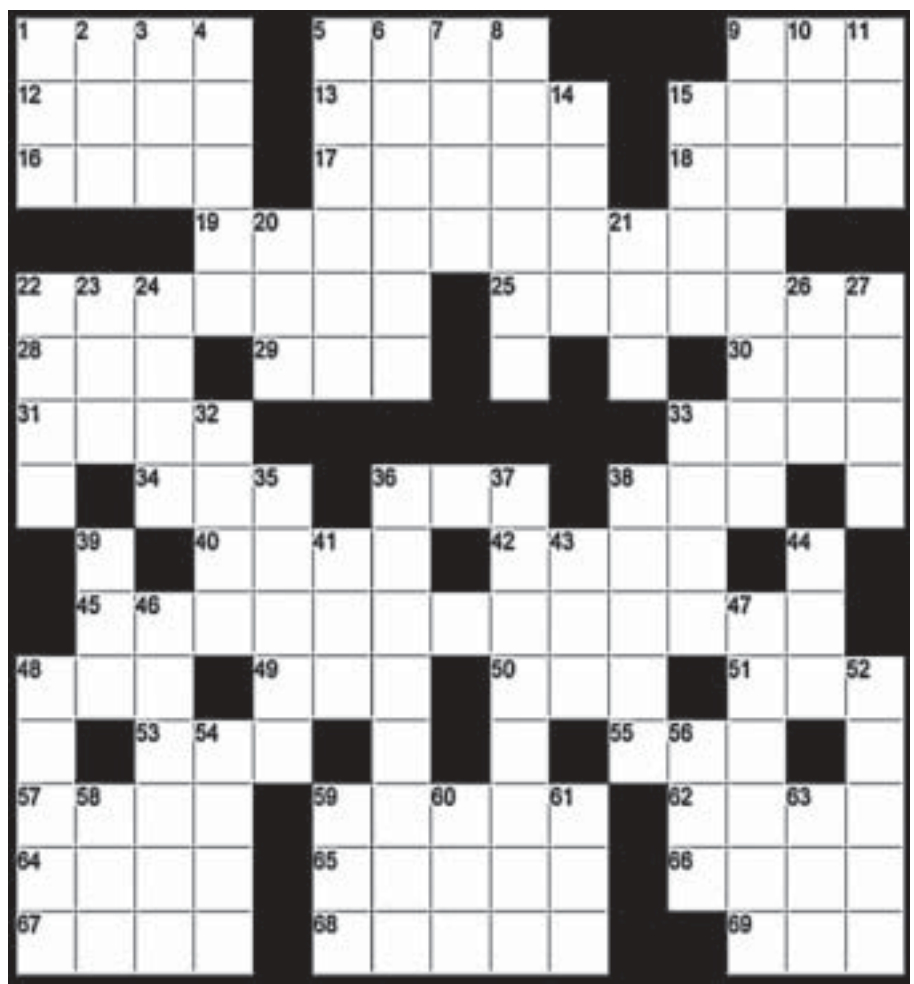
- 1. Territory
- 5. Craving
- 9. Golf score
- 12. Scent
- 13. Balm
- 15. Shoot!
- 16. Arroyo
- 17. Stop
- 18. Above
- 19. AFSOC special forces operator
- 22. Temperature reading
- 25. Chuckled
- 28. ____ Lanka
- 29. Confederate general
- 30. Pie ____ mode
- 31. Saudi Arabia denizen
- 33. Augers
- 34. Election year slinging?
- 36. Federal intelligence org.
- 38. Noah’s craft
- 40. Type of admiral
- 42. Captures
- 45. AFSOC base
- 48. Big London clock
- 49. Foreign headdress
- 50. Rep. and Dem. opponent
- 51. Lyrical poem

- 53. Museum piece
- 55. Abate
- 57. Steak order
- 59. Child
- 62. Kindergarten learning tools
- 64. Tree types
- 65. Shred
- 66. Sandwich type
- 67. Exam
- 68. Motorized bike
- 69. *Three’s Company* actor

DOWN

- 1. AFSOC airlift; MH-53J Pave ____
- 2. Oklahoma town
- 3. Head movement
- 4. Trickle
- 5. Pile up
- 6. Wrinkle
- 7. Listen
- 8. Painting props
- 9. AFSOC airlift; MH-60 ____
- 10. To be?
- 11. Mil. rest period
- 14. Arizona town

- 15. Jim Jinkins cartoon
- 20. Hurt
- 21. Canine
- 22. AFSOC mission
- 23. Mistake
- 24. *Rob Roy* actor Neeson
- 26. Building extension]
- 27. Sprint
- 32. Famous dueler
- 33. Bottom
- 35. Pottery type
- 36. Former Brazilian currency
- 37. Remedy
- 38. Tolerate
- 39. Article
- 41. Honest prez
- 43. Mil. radio/tv network
- 44. Compute
- 46. Divests of weapons
- 47. Tossed
- 48. Headgear for AFSOC operators
- 52. Salt type
- 54. Relax
- 56. Scrooge saying
- 58. Pub order
- 59. Movie studio



- 60. Quick sleep
- 61. Sea near 31 ACROSS

63. ____-Magnon
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Chief celebrates 30 years of service

by 2nd Lt.
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49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

After 30 years in the Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Dann E. Barnes, the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group superintendent, says farewell during his retirement ceremony at 10:30 a.m. today at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

Having graduated from high school shortly after the draft stopped, Chief Barnes said he had no intention of joining the military.

"I went to work after high school and did various jobs," he said. "It wasn't the rosy world I thought it would be. I thought any red-blooded American with a high school diploma could go to work and make it. I found out the stark reality of that misconception."

He was able to get a job at the local Ford Motor Company heavy truck plant in 1974. However, because of turbulence caused by world events, Chief Barnes said he felt he was only one step ahead of the layoffs. Plus, he had another thing

driving him; he wanted to get married. Unfortunately, the lady in question was not so inclined.

So, after seeking the council of his older brother and to spite his then ex-girlfriend, Chief Barnes enlisted in the Air Force Jan. 14, 1975.

Four months later, he'd reconciled with his girlfriend and entered active duty where he was promptly sent to basic training and then on to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to the U.S. Army Engineer Training Center for technical training as a heavy construction equipment operator.

"It was extremely hard for me to do," he said. "To this day I remember my mother hugging me and crying in her arms before I left. I made a promise to her, a promise I would do my absolute best and make her proud of me."

Chief Barnes' first duty station was Grissom Air Force Base, Ind., placing him 200 miles from home. He maintained a long distance relationship with his girlfriend and when she graduated college in 1977, they were married.

From then on Chief Barnes

really began his Air Force career.

"I'd promised my mother I would make her proud of me, so I worked hard to learn my Air Force specialty," he said. "I wanted my peers and supervisors' respect and I wanted to be successful."

He said he thought he was an Airman first class forever, but little did he know how rapidly things could change. He made staff sergeant with less than four years in.

"Then I got hungry for knowledge, additional skills and it was like a duck taking to water," he said. He found himself sewing on chief master sergeant at 16 and a half years.

He said he learned a lot in the Air Force. It taught him discipline, regimentation and organization which was something he said he never realized he desperately needed.

"Technical training taught me the basic skills needed to be successful and was the foundation of my career," he said. "My first line supervisors shaped the very foundations of what it is to be an NCO and taught me how to take care of my people. I learned about standards and responsibility."

"I learned there is always something that can be improved or ways to do things better," he said. "I learned if I lived up to the standards and was responsible, I was trusted, recognized and very much in charge of my destiny."

Another thing he said he learned from his supervisors was you must recognize your good people and intervene to help when it's necessary for the Airman's own benefit.

"I learned good supervisors lead from the front out on the job and bad supervisors shape your leadership style just as effectively as good leaders," he said. "My

supervisors, peers and subordinates shaped my philosophy, which is, 'I'd rather work with you than for you and I'd rather you work with me than for me.' I found we earn respect based upon our grade, we gain respect for what we do with and for our people."

Chief Barnes said the difference he felt he made was that he'd helped people and that he was part of the team that helped train people. He said this was important because by helping people, he helps them and the Air Force achieve their goals. Another important thing he said he made sure to do was take care of his people making sure they had the resources they needed to perform their duties.

"I helped them with their training, as well as their personal and work-related issues," he said. "I've told people over the years we train our replacements, and I'm very honored knowing I helped shape peoples' careers to take positions of leadership. These Airmen, NCOs and senior NCOs are spread out across the Air Force, and I'm confident they will keep our enlisted corps strong and help our Air Force maintain its place as the most respected Air Force in the world."

Chief Barnes said one of the important reasons why he continued to serve was that we're all part of the Air Force family.

"It's true and I know it may sound trite to our younger Airmen; it did to me at first," he said. "But the longer I stayed in the more it started making sense."

He said the Air Force family serves our nation.

"I serve people, they are my



Courtesy photo

Air Force family, and I owe them my best efforts," he said. "It's important I pursue whatever resources needed to accomplish our mission serving the nation, and I served my Air Force family the best way I knew how."

He said in his time here at Holloman, he's learned that it's a very unique place.

"It's a love-hate relationship for many of our people and there don't seem to be many somewhere in the middle," he said. "I encourage everybody to meet and exceed Air Force standards because I know we have some exceptionally professional people and programs."

He said he sees extremes at both ends of the spectrum, but challenges everyone to be optimistic, not pessimistic.

"I've never been anywhere the Air Force didn't need me, or had a bad assignment," he said. "Everybody has an opportunity to make an assignment good or bad regardless of location. There is a lot of history here for people to explore. Go to the mountains and other places where history was made and always do your best to keep our Air Force the most respected Air Force in the world."



Courtesy photo

Airman Basic Barnes in technical training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., July 1975. The Army required Airmen to wear helmets, pistol belts with a canteen, poncho and rubber boots to training.

MMSS vehicle operations *Maintaining The Fleet*

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

Every day there are 120 vehicles ready to deploy from Holloman to anywhere in the world. The 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron Transportation Flight inspects these vehicles to ensure they are ready to go.

“We are responsible for maintaining a vehicle fleet in a deployable state at all

times,” said Tech. Sgt. Johnny Conn, vehicle operations NCO in charge. “If this mission was placed on the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Operations, it would greatly overwhelm their already high operations tempo.”

The MMSS vehicle operations team, part of the Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources Base, works with vehicles like two-and-a-half ton military design cargo trucks, High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and military refuelers. No matter where these types of vehicles are needed, the team is responsible for ensuring they are maintained and ready to go at a moment’s notice.

“War Readiness Materiel is maintained all over the Air Force, but BEAR Base is one of the few that regularly deploys WRM assets,” Sergeant Conn said. “Monthly exercising of WRM is required to ensure all parts of the vehicles are in proper working order.”

The team also monitors and inspects the vehicles to ensure they are working properly, monitors the BEAR Base fuel

farm, orders fuel and maintains logs of fuel usage. To prepare vehicles for deployment, they must weigh, measure and calculate the center of balance for every vehicle in their fleet.

In addition to maintaining the 120 deployable vehicles, the team maintains more than 50 of the vehicles BEAR Base uses from day to day and does inspections to make sure they are mission-ready.

According to Sergeant Conn, the biggest challenge the vehicle operations team faces is older, weathered vehicles.

“It’s a challenge to keep older assets deployment ready,” he said. “You have the problem of sun deterioration, which attacks seals, rubber hoses and tires.”

However, the well-trained team combines their efforts with 49 MMSS’s



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

Airman First Class Matthew Cammack, 49th MMSS, completes a voltage regulator adjustment on a HUMVEE.



Senior Airman Scot Welsh, 49th MMSS, replaces the transmission inspection cover after changing the engine oil pan gasket.



Senior Airman Scot Welsh, 49th MMSS, inspects a HUMVEE.

Vehicle Maintenance and Traffic Management Office (all elements under the Transportation flight) to accomplish the mission.

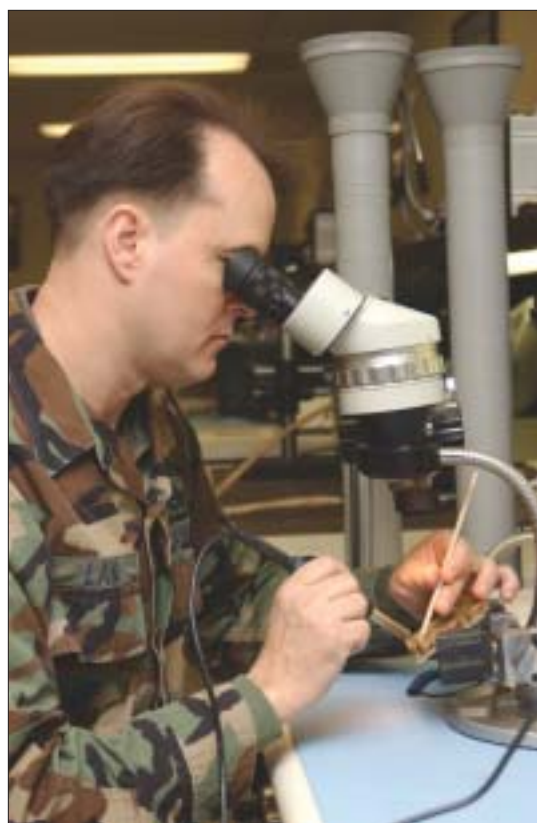
“The vehicles that are maintained at BEAR Base are 90 percent military design, and this requires a lot of attention to detail,” Sergeant Conn said. “Each of our vehicles are assigned to specific deployment packages designed to get a new base up and running in a barren location, so they must be well-maintained. We all have to work together, or the mission would fail.”



Airman 1st Class Michael Cousins, 49th MMSS, troubleshoots the water system for a runway sweeper.



Illustration by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy



Staff Sgt. Frank Lane, 49th Maintenance Group, repairs a broken air hose on a compressed air nitrogen heating tool. The compressed air nitrogen heating is used to shrink tubing in aircrafts.



Staff Sgt. Frank Lane, 49th Maintenance Group, checks the continuity on the direct current power monitor.



Photos by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

Left, top: Senior Airman Timothy Lenze, 49th Maintenance Group, cleans and refills toner cartridges.



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Erin Moon

49th Operations Support Squadron

Duty title: Airfield Management Operations coordinator
Time in service: Three years
Time at Holloman: Two years
Hometown: York, Pa.

Personal and career goals: To retire from the Air Force and get a bachelors degree in Forensic Science

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?
Serving in the Air Force is important to me because I am getting my education and defending my country at the same time.

What is the highlight of your Holloman tour?
The highlight of my Holloman tour is the amount of support and events I provide to my squadron by being the Vice President of the Unit Advisory Council.

What motivates you to be a better Airman?
My dream to retire from the Air Force

and to become a Chief Master Sergeant motivates me to be a better Airman.

What is your favorite quote?
“He who asks is a fool for five minutes; he who never asks is a fool forever.”

How do you set an example for other troops?
I set an example for other troops by conducting my job in a respectful manner and by striving to improve the job and work environment whenever possible.

Core value portrayed: “Excellence in all we do.”
Airman Moon is a great person to have in our squadron. She has done great work on the job and her contributions as vice president of the Unit Advisory Council have made the operations support squadron a more enjoyable place to work.

– Lt. Col. Skip Hinman
49th OSS commander

Holloman Salutes

Congratulations to the following Airmen on their promotion:

Tech. Sgt. Francisco DiazPerez
Staff Sgt. Mark Stout

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Scott Gilkey
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Hemp

49th Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Williams Jennings
Staff Sgt. Cameron Gerlach
Staff Sgt. Christopher Gilley
Staff Sgt. Amanda Pyne
Staff Sgt. Terreil Reed
Staff Sgt. DeShawn Shinette



49th Security Forces Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Cole
Tech. Sgt. Bradley Guerriy

49th Fighter Wing
Master Sgt. Curt Koenig

49th Medical Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Kenneth Jones

OLA Senior NCO Academy SC
Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Henderson

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Hilario Torres

The following 49th Medical Operations Squadron officers were selected for promotion:

Major select
Capt Herbert Scherl

Lt. Col. select
Maj Bassam Fakhouri

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Master Sgt. Randall Little
Tech. Sgt. Francisco Casas
Staff Sgt. Brandon Gaskill
Staff Sgt. Jason Williams

Detachment 1, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group
Staff Sgt. Sonya Brooks

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Staff Sgt. Paulo DePaula

49th Operations Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Daniel Gunn
Staff Sgt. Virginia Martin

49th Services Squadron
Staff Sgt. Leslie Erin Walters

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. William Miles

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Joy Allison
Master Sgt. Chad Birchard
Tech. Sgt. Vincent Dinges
Staff Sgt. Nehem Andersonchambers
Staff Sgt. Matthew Vonderahe Cossey
Staff Sgt. William Young

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Master Sgt. Sandra Key
Tech. Sgt. Javier Solis
Tech. Sgt. Roger Swartz

BRIEFS

Food drive

Cub Scout Pack 124 has a food drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 29 at the commissary. They are accepting all non perishable food items.

AHS Parents

There will be a Parent Advisory Committee at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday in the Alamogordo High School library. For more information call Ms. Beth Markle at 479-6026, e-mail eamarkle@charter.net or pacahs1@aol.com.

Awards banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet, "Saluting Those Who Serve," is Feb. 17 at the Oasis Enlisted Club Ballroom. Cocktails will start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to your squadron first sergeant by Feb. 11. Dress is mess dress or semi-formal for military and after six attire for civilians.

HOSC thrift shop

The Holloman Officer's Spouses Club thrift shop hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Donation bins are available in the back of the shop. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The store is also open one Saturday per month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (watch the *Sunburst* for specific dates). Some items available are: crib, sofa, bikes, desk, snow ski/board, golf bags/clubs, military uniforms/insignia.

Lifeguard training

The Red Cross is offering lifeguard training. Anyone who would like to work as a lifeguard this summer, call Red Cross to get

the information for date, time and place of instructions.

For more information, 437-4421.

Opening ceremony

The Black History Month opening day kickoff ceremony is 11 a.m., Tuesday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

Library news

The base library's limits and loan periods are changing. New loan period are: Seven entertainment VHS or DVD videos for seven days; seven educational videos for seven days; seven CD-ROM software for seven days; seven magazines for seven days; seven music CDs for two weeks; seven audiobooks for two weeks. Books will continue to have a two week loan period with a limit of 50.

The library will be operating on a temporary library management program Feb. 6 to 13. No library materials will be due during this time period.

For more information, call 572-3939 or visit <http://library.holloman.accqolnet.org>

Education meeting

The next Education Meeting is 9 to 11 a.m., Feb. 14 at the Community Education Center ballroom.

HESO

Holloman's Enlisted Spouses' Organization meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the community center. HESO is open to all enlisted spouses—active duty, retired and German air force. After each meeting there is a potluck social. Free childcare is available.

HESO participates in various volunteer activities, including the Airman's Attic. HESO volunteers operate the Airman's Attic, currently located in building 572. Non-members of HESO can also volunteer. The Attic's hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays and 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays and Monday for E-6 and below. All ranks are welcome on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. 1 p.m.

For more information about

HESO or volunteer at the Airman's Attic, call Ms. Doris Lankford at 921-0074, e-mail doris@militarywives.com, call Ms. Mary Nassef at 479-1565 or visit <http://pub11.bravenet.com/forum/895410520> and <http://www.geocities.com/hesoweb/>.

MOAA

The Military Officers Association offers individual \$1,000 grants to 50 dependents of active duty personnel worldwide.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on their first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active duty serviceperson – enlisted, warrant officer, or officer – in the US. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

Grant recipients will be randomly selected from among applicants within each of the seven services. Grade point average, SAT scores or essays are not needed for the Base/Post application. MOAA membership is not a requirement.

An online application is on the MOAA Web site <http://www.moaa.org>. Click on "Educational Aid" on the left side of the opening page, and then follow the easy instructions or the multipurpose scholarship application. Deadline for submission is noon, eastern standard time, March 1.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses –

11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

BOOn the BIG SCREEN

Spanglish (PG-13)

6 p.m., today

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday and
6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.

Tularosa Basin and beyond...

Mardi Gras

The Ruidoso Mile-High Mardi Gras Celebration is 5 to 8 p.m., Feb. 5 at the Ruidoso Convention Center in Ruidoso, N.M. The event is a fundraiser for the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and is co-sponsored by the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Ski Apache.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission is only \$5 for those presenting a Ski Apache lift ticket dated Feb. 5. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce (505-257-7395) and the RRCA Art Center at 1712 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso (505-257-7272).

Civil Air Patrol

The Alamogordo Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport for their monthly meeting. All senior members, friends and anyone else interested in civil aviation safety are welcome to attend. Alson on the agenda is a discussion of the

CAPs growing role in homeland security. CAP is an official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call Ms. Shirley Kay at 437-1004.

MOPS

Mother's of Preschoolers has a community silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday at the First Assembly Family Life Center.

Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Alamogordo has announced the availability of two \$500 scholarships for the 2005 academic year. Residents of Otero County who are students of NMSU-A or NMSU main campus are invited to apply for "The Billie Holder Memorial Rotary Scholarship," which has been in existence for a number of years.

In addition, students who are pursuing a degree or certificate in the medical career field may apply for a newly created scholarship, "The Rotary Club of Alamogordo Medical Careers Scholarship."

Applications, with the criteria for award, may be obtained at the NMSU-A Student Services Building. Applications are due April 3. Information regarding both scholarships can be found at the Web site: <http://alamo.nmsu.edu/financialaid/scholar.html>

Turkey Federation

The Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold their annual banquet Feb. 26 at the Otero County Fairgrounds building. Activities will start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. There will be raffles, a silent auction, live auction and food.

There will also be a Turkey Calling Contest starting at 2 p.m. There will be a youth division and an adult division with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each division.

For more information, call 437-2542, 434-8356, or 434-1467

Memorial march

The 16th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March is March 20 at White Sands Missile Range.

Bataan Memorial Death March information and registration is available at www.bataanmarch.com There is a limit of 4,000 marchers. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked no later than Feb. 19; online registrations will be accepted until March 10.

For information, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at (505) 678-1256 or the WSMR Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134.

Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.



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BRIEFS

Bring, bid and buy

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club Bring, Bid and Buy is Feb. 18 at the Officers' Club. Registration and silent auction bidding start at 6 p.m. A dessert and traditional auction begin at 7 p.m. All ranks are invited as well as guests of military members.

Commissary hours

The commissary's new hours as of Tuesday are: Monday: closed; Tuesday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Assessment

The Draft Environmental Assessment for the Improvements and Repair to Forty Niner Avenue is available for review and comment at the base library until Feb. 7. All comments should be directed to the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 572-5406 or mailed to 490 First St. Suite 2800, Holloman AFB, N.M. 88330.

ALS retreat

Airman Leadership School Class 05-C graduation retreat is at 2:15 p.m., Feb. 7 in the dorm mall area behind the Holloman

Airman Leadership School, building 339. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family and friends are invited to join the graduates in this important event. Uniform requirements: uniform of the day.

For more information, call ALS at 572-5860.

Law school

The Funded Legal Education Program and the Legal Education Program give company-grade officers a chance to pursue law degrees without leaving the Air Force. After completion of the program, the officers will be part of the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Qualifications are found in Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, and online at www.jagusaq.af.mil.

Free tax filing

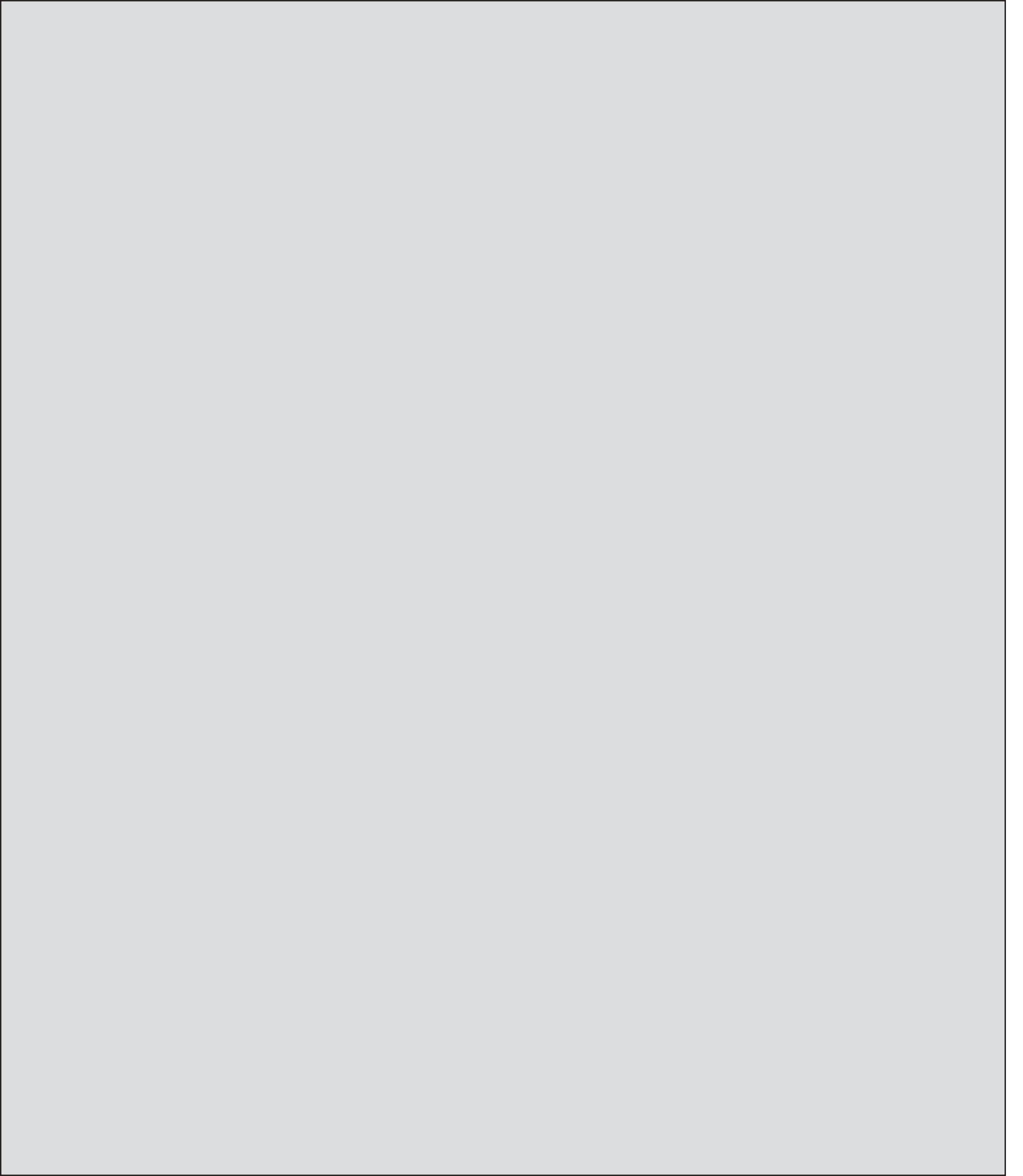
Get your taxes prepared by IRS trained volunteers. Unit tax advisors will be processing returns at the squadrons. A list of UTAs can be found on the legal assistance Web page: <https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/legal/index.html>.



Courtesy photo

Fill 'er up

Staff Sgt. Travis Henderson, 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants Flight, gets hoses ready to pump fuel in Baghdad, Iraq. Sergeant Henderson is deployed from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



A clean getaway

AMXS drives by SFS for win

by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

The 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dominated the court defensively Monday night, leaving the 49th Security Forces Squadron behind 50-40 during intramural basketball play at the Fitness and Sports Center.

AMXS came out on top from the beginning and maintained a slim lead throughout the first quarter. A three-pointer by forward Eric Kennedy and solid drives by guard Juan Cordoba helped AMXS hold the lead.

Security forces center Mark Lee, with assists by forward Kevin LaFrance, continued to drive the ball to the basket resulting in a six-point run to tie the game at 12.

The drive was cut short with a rally by AMXS that rocketed the team to 24-18 before the half.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Craig Peterson lays up over Mark Lee during AMXS' 50-40 win over SFS at the Fitness and Sports Center Monday.

At the start of the second half, AMXS's Kennedy knocked down another three for a 34-28 lead. Keith Morales answered back with a three for SFS.

AMXS continued to hold a solid lead of 10.

SFS's Lee continued to push for the basket with consecutive layups, but AMXS stiff defense proved too much for the cops.

AMXS's Kennedy ended the game with two foul shots to win 50-40.



Kevin LaFrance drives to the hole over SFS defenders.



Bradley Smith drives by Kevin LaFrance during the 49th AMXS 50-40 win over 49th SFS Monday at the Fitness and Sports Center.



Intramural Standings - Basketball

Over 30

| Team | Win | Loss |
|-----------|-----|------|
| 49 FW/MSS | 14 | 0 |
| 49 MDG | 11 | 3 |
| 49 MXS | 10 | 4 |
| 49 LRS | 7 | 7 |
| 49 CES | 7 | 7 |
| 49 SFS | 6 | 8 |
| 46 TG | 5 | 9 |
| 49 MMG | 3 | 11 |

(Current as of Jan. 25)

Small Unit

| Team | Win | Loss |
|----------|-----|------|
| 49 SVS | 10 | 0 |
| 46 TG | 10 | 1 |
| 746 TS | 6 | 4 |
| 49 FD | 4 | 6 |
| 49 CS | 4 | 6 |
| 49 OSS | 2 | 8 |
| 49 MXS B | 0 | 11 |

(Current as of Jan. 26)

Large Unit

| Team | Win | Loss |
|----------|-----|------|
| 46 MXS A | 11 | 0 |
| 49 MMG A | 8 | 4 |
| 49 AMXS | 7 | 4 |
| 49 CES | 7 | 5 |
| 49 LRS | 5 | 6 |
| 49 MMG B | 3 | 8 |
| 49 SFS | 2 | 9 |

(Current as of Jan. 26)

Lead scorers

Small Unit

Ryan Black 46 TG
19.81 pts. per game

Large Unit

Kendrick Simmons MXS A
18.22 pts. per game

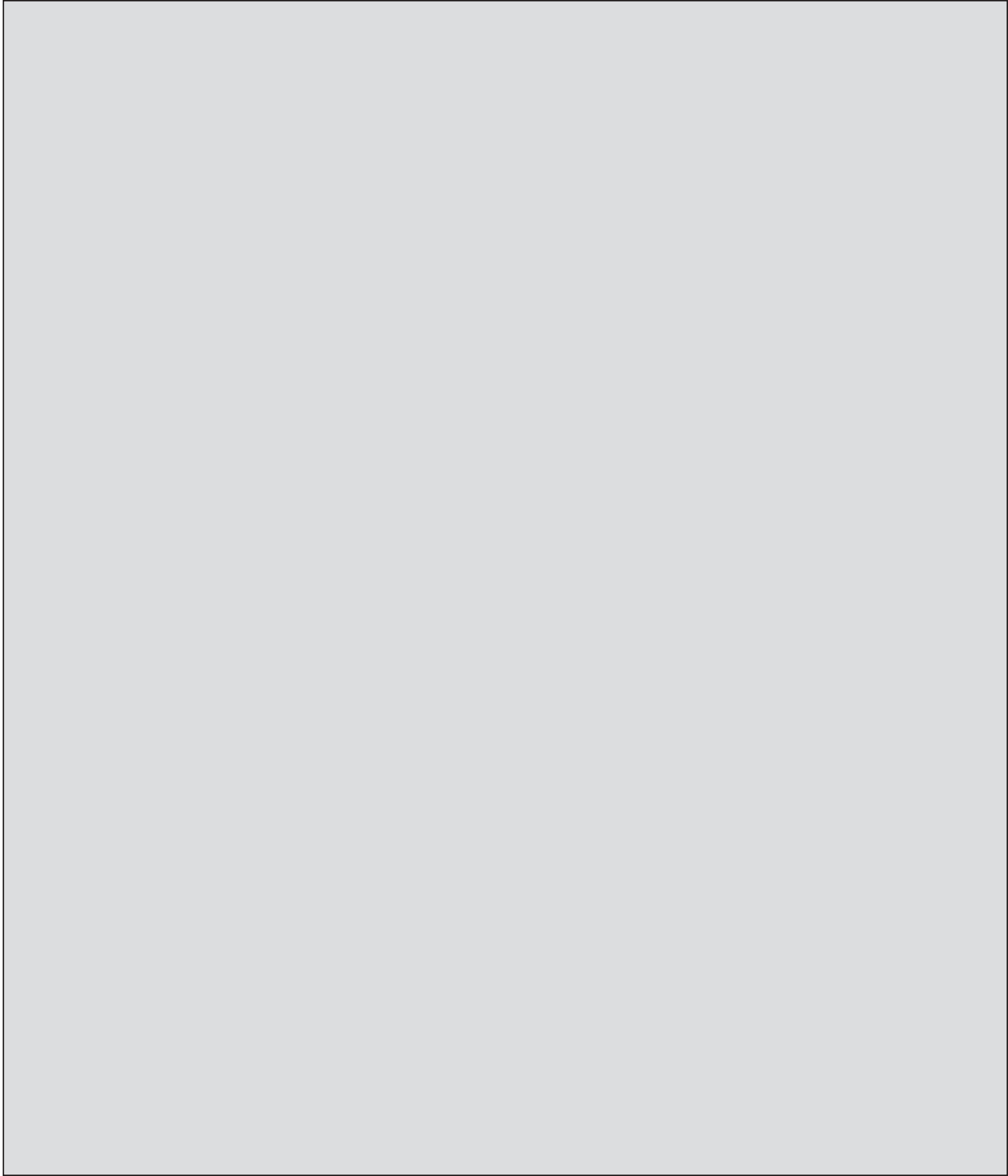
Information provided by the Fitness and Sports Center sports director. For more information, call 572-3229.

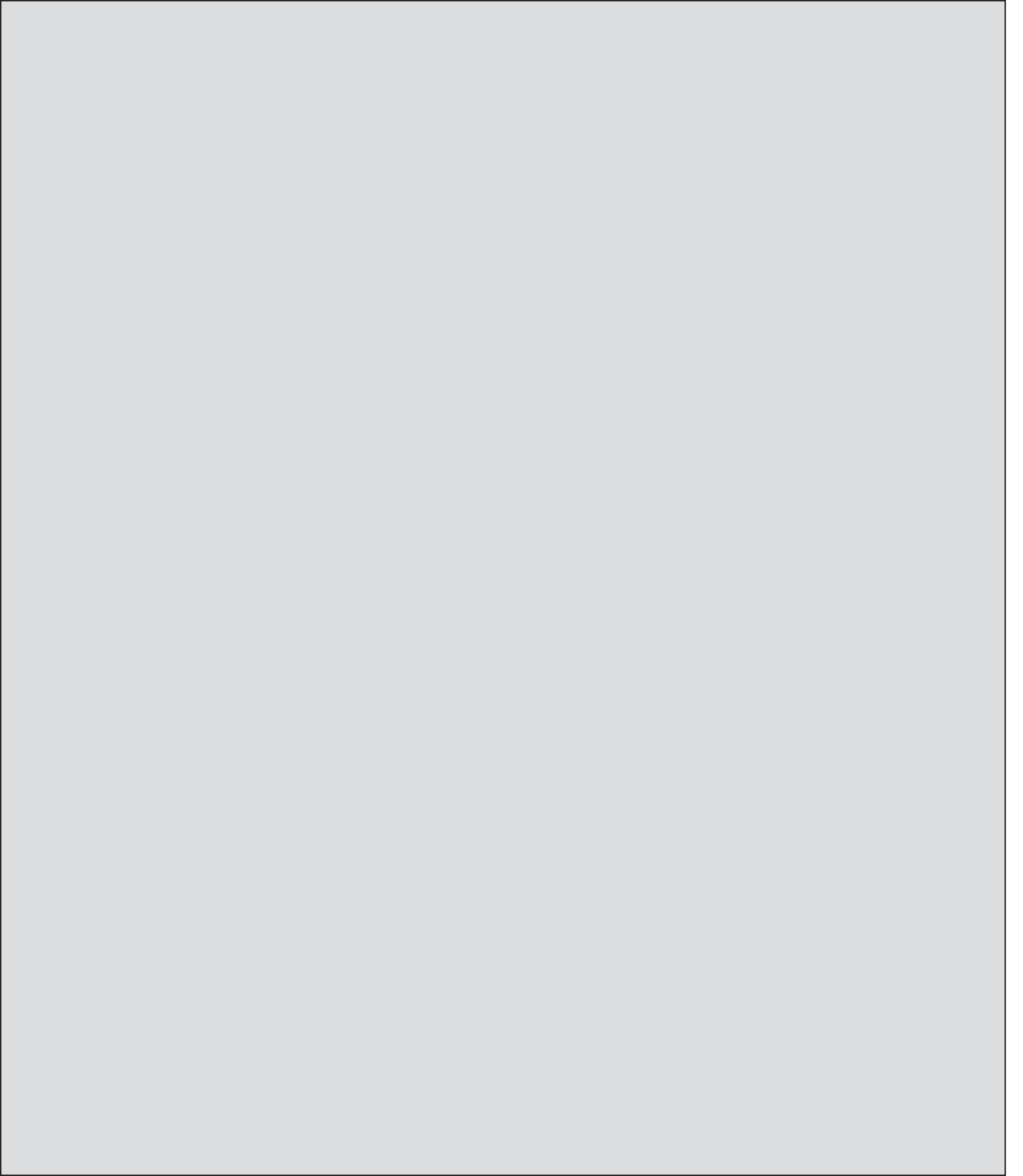
Undefeated

49th Services Squadron power forward Michael Allen leaps for a layup over CS defender Eric Shaw Tuesday night. The undefeated 49th Services Squadron defeated the 49th Communications Squadron 58-39, putting their record at 10-0.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier





The fitness corner

Class: Stroller aerobics, Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Class meets outside the Fitness and Sports Center on warm and dry days and in the gym basketball courts on cold or rainy days)

Instructor: Beth Runkle, 479-3030

Description: A fun, interactive workout for parents and children. It turns a stroller into a portable fitness machine that takes your child along for the ride. The low-impact workout consists of power walking, cardiovascular drills, muscular strengthening and stretching. The class uses the bleachers as equipment for push-ups, leg lifts, abdominal work, etc. Hand weights and other resistance equipment are occasionally used. A variety of different techniques are used to keep the class interesting.

Equipment Needed: Participants will need to bring a stroller and a large towel. Hats, sunscreen, sunshades for the strollers and sunglasses are also an option for the parents and children. Any stroller will work, although a “jogger” type stroller will be easier for the parent to push.

Who can participate: Moms and Dads with children capable of sitting in a stroller (varies by child, but generally children under 5.). Participants can bring multiple children if the stroller will allow.

Benefits: Convenience: Keeping the participant’s child within arms reach while they exercise is a time and energy saver. No nursery or babysitters are needed.

Social: Chance for moms and dads to interact with other new parents. At classes, participants will enjoy making new friends, sharing ideas and learning together.

Fun for parent and child: The changing music, moves and motions combined with the social interaction of your instructor, other parents and children makes the class time fly. Games, bubbles and music will be incorporated into the workout once a week as a special treat for the children.

Instill the gift of health and fitness into your children: The child gets the foundation of a healthy, lifelong exercise habits with the best workout partner of all – Mom or Dad!

• **All fitness levels:** Advanced or beginner

participants can work at their own pace. Great for Post-natal moms or moms who’ve not been able to exercise since having children due to the lack of acceptable childcare. Burns calories while strengthening muscles – a great combination for optimal fitness.

Try it at home



Tricep dips: Begin sitting on a bench or chair with hands next to thighs. Balance on your arms, moving backside in front of the bench with legs straight (harder) or bent (easier). Bend the elbows and lower body a few inches, keeping the shoulders down and the elbows parallel to one another and at 90 degrees. Push back up to starting position. Repeat for 2-3 sets of 8-12 repetitions.



In class exercise

Participants power walk in a line and the last person sprints to the front of the line. Then the last person, now, sprints to the front. This is continued for two to three times through, depending upon the class size.